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WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

 L. S. To the inhabitants of the Town of Plainfield, qualified to vote in town affairs :—
You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, at Plainfield Plain in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose a Town Clerk, three Selectmen, and all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

3d. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation any manufacturing company, or any private individual who shall establish, or cause to be established any mill, or mills not now begun or established in the town of Plainfield for the manufacture of any articles of cotton, wool, paper, leather, grain, wood, iron or steel, for the term of ten years.

Said exemption shall apply only to mills and machinery.

4th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay bonds. interest on bonds, and defray other necessary town expenses for the year ensuing.

5th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the repairs of highways and bridges for the year ensuing.

6th. To see what action the town will take in regard to the reports of town officers.

Given under our hands and seals this 23d day of February, 1882.

SAMUEL DAVIS, } Selectmen
JOHN B. ROWELL, } of
GEO. J. FRENCH, } Plainfield.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1882.

Resident valuation,	\$561,738 00
Non-resident valuation,	20,042 00
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Total,	\$581,780 00

Tax on one hundred dollars, \$1.45.	
Reduced valuation,	\$2,908 90
State tax,	\$1.384 00
County “	1,444 42
Town “	4,000 00
School “	1,211 00
Percentage,	399 38
School-house tax, Dist. Nos. 3, 4, 8,	
and 11,	384 65
	<hr/> \$8,823 45

Amount on Collector's books,	\$8,823 45
Non-resident highway tax,	49 66
Dog tax,	86 00
Non-resident highway tax, worked out,	41 16
Amount taxes abated on Collector's book,	
1880,	14 69
Amount taxes abated on Collector's book,	
1881,	64 65

LIABILITIES.

Amount of bonds, outstanding,	\$26,100 00
Interest on the same,	261 00
Amount due the several school districts,	248 54
Samuel Davis, services 1st Selectman,	106 00
John B. Rowell, " 2nd "	89 00
George J. French, " 3rd "	95 00
Farnum J. Spencer, " Treasurer,	50 00
H. B. Chellis, S. S. Committee, about,	30 00
Town bonds, Nos. 220, 57, 58, not paid,	300 00
" orders, Nos. 100, 103, 136, "	72 25
Samuel Davis, support paupers,	88 47
Geo. J. French, "	45 07
Chas. H. Strong, note,	156 20
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Total liabilities,	\$27,641 53

ASSETS.

Due on Elias Farnum note,	\$159 08
from County, support paupers,	80 84
S. D. Stone, Collector, 1881,	169 83
" school-house tax, Dist.	
No. 8,	5 26
for State bonds and interest on same,	6,161 00
Bezaleel Farnum place,	475 00
for land rent, Geo. French,	23 32
N. M. True,	27 48
Mary E. Chellis,	39 99
Stephen Goodwin,	33 25
Chas. G. Newton,	28 00
Elbridge G. Newton,	8 00
David S. Wheeler,	26 66
Cash in treasury,	747 86
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Total assets,	\$7,985 57
Total amount liabilities bro't forward,	\$27,641 53
" assets "	7,985 57
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Balance against the town,	\$19,655 96
Balance reported last year,	\$21,533 93
Reduction of debt,	1,877 97

PAUPER REPORT.

Samuel Davis and Geo. J. French,
 To town of Plainfield, *Dr.*
 To money drawn by orders, for support of paupers, \$1,250 00
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By cash paid for support of County paupers :

Harry Cory,	\$77 00
Lois Brocklebank,	12 00
Andrew J. Spaulding,	38 00
Felix Jondro,	51 20
Wm. Walker,	91 71
James Spaulding,	22 45
Andrews Tolbert,	12 00
Orville Barker,	13 28
Hosea Hadley,	11 00
Geo. D. Stone,	14 69
Carrie Jordan,	43 25
Addie Kimball,	19 00
Ezekiel Stone,	3 83
Wm. R. Jordan,	11 75
D. B. Alexander,	20 25
Darwin Jordan,	78 33
Daniel Sweet,	131 53
Franklin D. Blood,	19 06
Jacob Holt,	31 00
Mrs. Wm. B. Rolston,	66 63
	<hr/> \$767 96

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid support Jonathan Barber,	\$19 00
Bezeleel Farnum,	104 17
Mary Hastings,	48 00
Lucian Jordan,	27 33
Amy Stone,	49 25
Lawson Newton,	44 25
Sarah Dunklee,	78 00
Lucy Heath, 1880,	57 50
“ 1881,	50 00
Geo. Smith,	52 00
Gracie Strong,	86 08
	<hr/> \$615 58

Paid support James Hull and others, not allowed by County,	\$14 13
Total cost town paupers,	\$629 71
.. County ..	767 96
Total amount expended for support paupers,	\$1,383 54

SAMUEL DAVIS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN B. ROWELL,	
GEORGE J. FRENCH.	

of Plainfield.

REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1882.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury,	\$915 19
Rec'd for land rent,	49 30
from S. D. Stone, Collector 1880,	165 06
" " " 1881,	8,583 71
Savings Bank tax,	929 76
Literary fund,	107 93
Railroad tax,	6 21
for State bond coupons,	366 00
from County, support of paupers	866 21
of Selectmen, money hired,	650 00
from State, bounty on wild animals,	14 60
on W. H. H. Eaton's two notes,	81 38
from Town of Newport, burial of Mrs. Hadley,	12 00
for use of town hall on Plain,	22 00
from D. S. Wheeler, for old bridge timber,	7 00
of S. D. Stone, Collector, non-resident highway tax,	8 50
of S. D. Stone, interest on taxes,	6 03
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Total receipts,	\$12,790 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

No.		
1	Sidney Sanborn, services Selectman, 1880,	\$112 00
2	Stephen D. Stone, services Collector, 1880,	110 00
3	Geo. J. French, services Selectman, 1880,	90 00
4	Fred Moulton, services Auditor,	3 00
5	Farnum J. Spencer, services Treas- urer, 1880,	50 00
6	W. P. Thrasher, services Selectman, 1880,	92 00
7	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	57 50
8	George W. Fifield, support of school, No. 12,	7 70
9	Albert Heald, services S. S. Com.,	55 00
10	George C. Ketchum, printing town re- ports, orders, etc.,	25 50
11	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	100 00
12	Samuel Davis, " "	100 00
13	" " "	50 00
14	Frank S. French, labor on highway,	4 00
15	John B. Moore, " "	4 50
16	Hubert Sleeper, record of births and deaths,	4 50
17	Dr. George W. Hunt, record of births and deaths,	1 75
18	Charles A. Cross, labor on highway,	15 00
19	James W. Jordan, driving hearse,	9 00
20	Willis K. Daniels, support of school, No. 1,	22 01
21	Russell Goss and G. W. Woodbury, damage on highway,	15 00
22	Frank K. Stickney, damage on highway,	5 00
23	George T. Avery, support of school, No. 6,	16 00
24	James F. Eaton, support of school, No. 16,	33 00
25	John Porter, support of school, No. 7,	40 00
26	Ira Noys, over tax,	1 45
27	Chas. Cross, support of school, No. 14,	31 00
28	Turner M. Peterson, support of school, No. 4,	44 00
29	Samuel Davis, support of paupers,	100 00

No.		
30	Darwin F. Jordan, support of school, No. 5,	\$45 00
31	Alfred P. Jenny, repairs on school house No. 3,	150 00
32	John B. Moore, support of school, No. 10,	40 00
33	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	25 00
34	Levi H. Sanderson, support of school, No. 8,	42 50
35	Willard Haywood, support of school, No. 9,	87 00
36	John M. Cole, support of school, No. 2,	25 00
37	Charles M. Palmer, over tax,	1 30
38	Lydia C. Barrows, error in tax,	8 70
39	Geo. W. Fifield, support of school, No. 12,	27 00
40	Nathan Barrows, surveying highway near Frank Stickney's,	1 25
41	Fred Moulton, expense getting trout from Plymouth, and printing no- tices,	8 75
42	Chas. M. Palmer, services S. S. Com.,	23 00
43	" " school books,	22 30
44	Susan Palmer, Estate, over tax,	1 90
45	Levi H. Sanderson, building road and bridge near F. K. Stickney's,	55 00
46	Farnum J. Spencer, County tax,	1,444 42
47	Wm. Hall, repairing school house, No. 4,	115 00
48	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	50 00
49	Geo. Westgate, damage on highway,	300 00
50	Sam'l Davis, payment L. Booth note,	254 00
51	" support of paupers,	250 00
52	A. G. Page, support of school, No. 13,	17 00
53	Harrison H. Jordan, support of school, No. 3,	55 00
54	Jabes Porter, pass over land,	5 00
55	Geo. T. Avery, support of school, No. 6,	28 00
56	W. Haywood, " " " 9,	55 00
57	Alvah B. Chellis, " " " 15,	7 00
58	Jas. F. Eaton, " " " 16,	24 00
59	Chas. E. Cross, " " " 14,	32 00
60	T. M. Peterson, " " " 4,	62 00
61	John B. Moore, " " " 10,	52 00
62	Samuel Davis, support of paupers,	100 00

No.		
63	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	\$25 00
64	John H. Whitaker, pass over land,	5 00
65	Geo. W. Rowell, damage on highway,	20 00
66	Willis K. Daniels, support of school, No. 1,	46 22
67	Stephen D. Stone, balance of State tax,	340 10
68	Joseph Jondro, labor on highway,	2 50
69	Newell C. Chapman, lumber and labor on highway,	11 00
70	Charles H. Newell, labor on mountain road,	9 00
71	Wm. C. True, repairs on school house, No. 11,	35 00
72	Farnum J. Spencer, error in taxes,	2 90
73	Norman L. Corey, lumber and labor on highway,	24 30
74	Elijah Burnap, support of watering trough,	3 00
75	Norman L. Corey, support of watering trough,	3 00
76	Mrs. Sarah Pierce, pass over land,	3 00
77	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	25 00
78	Geo. W. Fifield, support of school, No. 12,	26 93
79	Russell Goss and G. W. Woodbury, labor on highway,	4 00
80	Lewis S. Jordan, labor and lumber on highway,	36 00
81	Geo. Hanchett, damage on highway,	5 00
82	A. S. Bartholomew, hitching posts,	1 00
83	A. G. Page, support of school, No. 13,	14 15
84	Sidney Sanborn, repairing school house, No. 8,	61 12
85	Levi H. Sanderson, support of school, No. 8,	30 00
86	Geo. J. French, labor of Philip Had- ley on highway,	3 75
87	Geo. J. French, over tax to Freeman & Tracy,	1 45
88	Samuel Davis, support of paupers,	100 00
89	John W. Peterson, 100 ft. lumber,	1 00
90	John Porter, support of school, No. 7,	36 00
91	Erastus F. Levison, pass over land,	4 00
92	Wm. D. Burr, lumber on highway,	11 50

No.		
93	Geo. J. French, support of paupers,	\$25 00
94	Samuel Davis, " "	50 00
95	H. H. Jordan, support of school, No. 3,	47 91
96	T. M. Peterson, " " " 4,	50 00
97	Wm. C. True, " " " 11,	77 79
98	D. F. Jordan, " " " 5,	37 50
99	John M. Cole, " " " 2,	55 07
100	Not presented.	
101	Ezekiel Stone, support of watering trough,	2 00
102	Abbie F. Spaulding, over tax,	2 19
103	Not presented.	
104	Fred Freeman, support watering trough,	3 00
105	Moses Fifield, " "	3 00
106	Geo. W. Rowell, lumber on highway,	2 73
107	Edmund H. Cobb, labor "	6 00
108	Francis A. Jordon, over tax,	1 45
109	Aurilla More, support of watering trough,	1 50
110	Stephen D. Stone, taking depositions,	6 00
111	David Dean, pass over land and labor on road,	9 58
112	Geo. D. French, support of paupers,	100 00
113	Henry C. Woodward, labor on high- way,	5 00
114	Geo. W. Burr, labor on highway,	15 95
115	Chas. B. Dean, " "	2 40
116	James W. Jordan, support of water- ing-trough,	3 00
117	James W. Jordon, driving hearse,	22 50
118	James W. Jordon, putting glass in hearse,	1 00
119	Farnum J. Spencer, State tax,	1,043 90
120	Eli B. Davis, labor on highway,	9 00
121	Darius N. Moulton, support of two watering-troughs,	3 00
122	C. Cole, office rent and wood furnished town hall,	12 00
123	Willard Haywood, support of water- ing-trough,	2 00
124	Chas. H. Reed, lumber on highway,	44 20
125	W. P. Thrasher, services as town clerk for 1881,	50 00
126	Arthur F. Spaulding, covering-stone	

No.		
	for culvert,	\$ 50
127	Fred Freeman, damage to plow on highway,	2 75
128	Samuel Davis, castings for sewer,	4 00
129	Harey D. Plummer, damage on h'way,	3 00
130	Samuel Davis, bounties paid on hawks and crows,	6 60
131	Samuel Davis, books, stationery and postage,	9 85
132	Chas. H. Hill, error in tax,	81
133	Samuel Davis, support of paupers,	150 00
134	Geo. S. Trow, lumber for highway,	2 00
135	Josiah Davis, lumber and stone for highway,	10 00
136	Not presented.	
137	Geo. J. French, lumber for highway,	10 37
138	Stephen D. Stone, Collector for 1881,	100 00
139	George J. French, note and interest,	524 17
140	Wm. C. True, lumber on highway,	65
	Paid order No. 107, of 1880,	72 70
	Paid town bonds,	2,200 00
	“ coupons,	1,746 00
	Total amount orders, bonds and coupons,	\$12,043 02
	Total amount receipts brought forward,	\$12,790 88
	“ orders bonds and coupons,	12,043 02
	Balance in treasury,	\$747 86

FARNUM J. SPENCER,

Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL BEAN, }
 FRED MOULTON, } *Auditors.*

DOG REPORT.

Cash in treasury, March 8, 1881,	\$45 80	
Collected on tax bill, 1880,	6 86	
" " 1881,	66 00	
		<hr/> \$118 66

Orders drawn for sheep killed :

Alfred Woodman,	\$10 00	
James B. Hildreth,	2 25	
W. W. Freeman,	2 25	
N. N. Huggins,	2 25	
F. F. Smith,	2 25	
C. D. Colby,	2 25	
Francis S. French,	2 25	
Wm. C. True,	4 50	
Frank De F. Baker,	4 00	
A. P. Jenney,	2 25	
Samuel Bean,	6 00	
Chas. H. Newhall,	3 00	
Frank E. Jenney,	2 25	
Geo. W. Austin,	2 25	
Darwin C. Boyden,	2 25	
		<hr/> \$50 00

Balance in treasury,	\$68 66
Due on Collector's book, 1881,	8 00

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1882.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Your Committee has thought that the reputation of the teachers was too important to be subjected to a rigid criticism, such as no other servants of the public are forced to see put in print before their fellow townsmen; so he has spoken in general terms of each school, and made some suggestions about the failures, in the general report which follows.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

In two districts, Nos. 3 and 4, houses have been renovated inside and outside. Nearly all the rest need some repairs. Not to mention paint, the plastering is off or blackened by long use; the paper old and defaced; the stove and its pipe often rusty and unsightly, and the blackboard unpainted. Even with a small amount of money, it may be best to expend a little in making the rooms comfortable and pleasant, where the children are to receive some of the strongest impressions of their life.

If citizens would give a little labor, and the agent use a small sum, and teacher and scholars bring in all the beauty possible in the way of pictures and flowers, every school-room

could be made positively attractive. Try it, friends, and see if it does not pay.

TEACHERS.

The teachers have labored with fidelity, but with varying success. Most in the summer schools were young and inexperienced, and need larger acquirements before they can do really good work. One or two terms at least in the Normal school, or at some good academy, would be a great help to them.

We cannot have a much higher order of common schools, till the teachers have a higher standard of instruction and know how to realize it. Yet they have labored faithfully, and in most cases fully earned all that was paid them.

To the teachers we say, fit yourselves for the best work possible. Visit the best schools in your reach, and aim to do something more than to ask the printed question and note the answer.

BOOKS AND RECITATIONS.

At the outset no changes were intended in the text-books. But an agent offered to exchange arithmetics and spellers without cost, giving a new book for an old one, which, after examination of the books, was gladly accepted. From the rivalry of the publishers, for once, our schools have received profit.

The Spencerian writing books have been used with much satisfaction the past year, and if every scholar would take the tracing book first, and then the number recommended a few terms afterward, a good handwriting would in most cases be secured. Will not teachers and parents co-operate with the pupils, and obtain this fundamental of a common school education? A good beginning has already been made.

With more painstaking and careful drill, our teachers can correct the common faults of rapid and indistinct enunciation in reading.

In all the schools there is a good wall map of New Hampshire, which the teachers and scholars should faithfully use.

Quite as necessary as this are outline maps of the hemispheres, of the different countries, and especially of the United

States. These, if faithfully used, would give tenfold more valuable information than is commonly learned. These outline maps are so cheap that any school might have them.

Grammar is but little studied, and often the text book is too difficult for beginners. Some primary book would help teachers and scholars much more than one that has been in some of the schools for a quarter of a century.

Sometimes our schools suffer, as everywhere else under the district system, from nepotism,—being managed in the interest of one person and his friends, instead of that of all. Is there no way to correct this?

DISTRICT NO. 1.

This was a small school taught by an experienced teacher, Miss Louise A. Smith. There seemed to be faithful work on the part of the teachers and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Ada L. Hall of West Lebanon here entered upon her first experience as a teacher. A little more enthusiasm and promptness throughout the school would have improved it. Considerable progress seemed apparent. The writing-books were specially commendable.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

No summer school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school had the advantage of a teacher of large experience, Miss Addie J. Parker of Windsor, Vt., who at the first visit showed tact and energy in her work, and the school promised success. A good globe and outline maps are found in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This school was taught by Miss Mattie E. Weld of Cor-

nish, who labored with fidelity for the interests of her charge. On our second visit, we found but one scholar. If a private feud in the district was the cause of withdrawal, it is too costly. The children should not suffer from the discords of their elders.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss Alma F. Morse, teacher. She showed a desire to do the best work possible in the school-room; and, like some others, should be encouraged to gain experience, and the best attainments possible for the work.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss Nellie I. Wood, the teacher, found this a more difficult charge than she had before undertaken. It is quite a large school of small scholars, who need a teacher of great tact and large resources. This teacher labored well, and with some success.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

This was one of our largest and best summer schools, taught by Miss Hattie L. Child of Cornish. The order and progress were excellent. Some of the most promising young scholars in town are found here.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

This school again enjoyed the services of Miss Mary A. Freeman, a teacher of large experience and success. Energy and thoroughness marked this school the whole session. It was the banner school in improvement in penmanship. The geography classes showed that they had studied the maps to some purpose, and could draw them.

The pupils made good advancement in all studies. There is a great gain in continuing a first-class teacher through the year.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This was a small school, taught by Miss May L. Sinclair, who brought to her work good scholarship, and an apparent desire to make her first attempt at teaching a success. Some improvement was manifest.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Miss Flora Richardson of Cornish taught the summer term with commendable fidelity and success. The younger scholars in reading made much progress, and an arithmetic class showed careful teaching and study.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

This school seemed to be managed with tact and energy by Miss Bernice L. Day of Enfield, who gives promise of larger success with continued experience.

Like some other small schools this contains some excellent material.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Miss Emma A. Eaton, who taught the summer term, had the advantage of acquaintance and gave herself understandingly to the work. As in some other schools, teacher and scholars had done much to beautify the school-room.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

No summer school.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

This small but interesting school again enjoyed the services of Miss Katie L. Howe of Lebanon. Excellent work was done, and some of our brightest pupils are found in this old school-house, of the pattern graphically described in one of his stories, by Dr. Holland. It is still comfortable for a summer school, and the unique arrangement of seats and desks may well be preserved as a relict of by-gone days.

In taking leave of parents, teachers and pupils, let me thank one and all for their kindness, and the pleasant relations sustained will ever be a golden memory.

C. M. PALMER.

Names of pupils to be entered in a roll of honor for making most improvement in penmanship in summer term :

Dist. No. 1, Ida J. Thompson.
 2, Evelyn Jordan.
 4,
 6, Agnes Hadley.
 8, Vinnie Jordan.
 9, Sadie Spaulding.
 10, Katie H. French.
 12, Bertie L. Ragan.
 13, Cora E. Fellows.
 14, Dwight T. Poole.
 16, Eddie Beers.

No. 4 should be included when the term closes after the present recess.

The other schools were not in session, or did not comply with conditions.

C. M. P.

FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

A fall term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Minnie Bean. This was her first attempt at teaching, and she put forth her best efforts to make it a success. This is a school of small scholars and is not advanced. A greater degree of con-

fidence on the part of the scholars, would have made a better appearance of the school at examination.

W. K. DANIELS, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The winter term of twelve weeks was under the instruction of Miss Julia A. Whitaker, who brought a large experience and good scholarship to the work, and put forth her best efforts for the benefit of her charge. There is some good material in this school, and the closing examination gave proof that teacher and scholars had labored together and secured satisfactory results. Some very good readers are found here, and the first class showed careful study and excellent drill.

JOHN M. COLE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

A fall term of twelve weeks opened Aug. 15, with Miss Ida M. Williams of Cornish as teacher. This school is composed mainly of small scholars, and under Miss Williams' instruction showed very marked improvement in most of the studies pursued. A class in geography merited special notice for the prompt and accurate answers in regard to the general geography of our own country.

The services of Miss Williams were secured for the winter term, and by her acquaintance with the scholars commenced work without that delay usually attending the first days of a term with a new teacher. The final examination gave evidence of careful study, thorough instruction, and gains for Miss Williams an enviable reputation as a teacher in our common schools.

H. H. JORDAN, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The fall term was commenced by Miss Addie J. Parker of Windsor, Vt., who had charge of the summer school. This is the largest school in town, numbering 41, and at my first visit gave promise of success, in most respects. Sickness of the

teacher, however, made it impossible for her to finish the term, and she closed the school at the expiration of about seven weeks, or before I made a final visit. Universal satisfaction was not given, though Miss Parker's method of teaching and discipline showed many points of excellence.

A winter term of six weeks was taught by Miss May L. Rowe of Bellows Falls, Vt., who commenced with a desire to discharge her duty faithfully, but became somewhat discouraged by not having the co-operation of parents in regard to some matters of discipline. Improvement was made in some studies but not as marked as might have been under different circumstances.

In justice to teachers and also to the scholars I am compelled to say, that in my judgment the burden of responsibility does not rest upon them alone; and further, that no material and satisfactory benefit can be realized for the expenditure of money in this district, until parents, guardians and citizens come to the support of the teacher with expressions of encouragement, rather than making some trifling deficiency in the method of teaching or manner of discipline the theme of gossip in presence of the pupils.

To those personally interested in this school, let me say, your children cannot afford to lose the benefit of a term, or even of one week of school. Many of them are nearly through their school-days, and that time spent in the school-room is the period of life when the mind is most susceptible of influence, and the time when the foundation of that character is laid which shall either make them useful citizens, honorable men and women, or lead them to cast a shadow on the community in which they live, and parents to grieve for their misdeeds. Hence, let me urge, secure the best teachers, and then encourage and support them in their good endeavors, by sending the children to school to cheerfully conform to the requirements of the teacher, even if all of them do not seem to accord with personal views.

TURNER PETERSON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The winter term of five weeks was taught by Mr. W. G. Cain of Newport. The school was discontinued for a few weeks on account of sickness of teacher. Interruption in a term is always detrimental to success. The benefit derived from schools in this district the past year is not what it should have been. The filling of the register was very deficient.

DARWIN JORDAN, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

A fall term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Julia A. Whitaker. The attendance was not as regular as is necessary for the best advancement in a school. The improvement was as great as could be expected under the circumstances.

GEO. T. AVERY, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The winter school of eight weeks was taught by Mr. John Porter. This was Mr. Porter's first school, and in some respects did credit to himself. Marked improvement was manifest in arithmetic and geography. More drill in reading, and a more thorough knowledge of the use of punctuation would be advisable in this school.

J. PORTER, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

A short fall term of six weeks was taught by Miss Child, teacher of the summer school, who has the happy faculty of gaining the confidence of her scholars, and by her lucid explanation, the school advanced rapidly. A class of small scholars in geography deserves special mention. The order was excellent. Miss Child ranks high as a teacher, and any district will be fortunate if it secures her services as a teacher.

Miss Hattie Burr, who has taught in this district previously, had charge of the winter school of ten weeks. This school

has quite a number of large scholars, who seemed to realize that the work done by them at the district school must be done immediately. An advanced class in arithmetic did some good board work in practical problems. A class in geography passed a rigid examination on general questions pertaining to the new world, which reflected credit on themselves and teacher. The parents manifest great interest in this school, and a larger number were present at the closing examination than any other in town. The house has been repaired and is now one of the best in town. This district has been fortunate in the selection of teachers the entire year.

L. H. SANDERSON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

The fall term of eight weeks was again taught by Miss Freeman, with her usual success. The final examination showed good order and thorough training. Miss Freeman takes a front rank as a teacher, and her services should be retained in town.

Mr. Ora C. Davis had charge of the winter school of twelve weeks. This school has more large scholars than any other in town, and the higher classes are more advanced. Mr. Davis brought to the work a large experience, and his efforts to make this school rank among the first in town were rewarded at the closing examination, which was very satisfactory. Some board work of practical examples in arithmetic reflected credit on the class. Some excellent readers are found here, with one objection, that of reading too fast, which is the case in other schools.

WILLARD HEYWARD, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

A fall term of ten weeks was taught by Grace V. Wood. This is a small school, and composed mostly of small scholars. A noticeable improvement was made in most of the studies pursued. But one family is represented in this school.

JOHN B. MOORE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

This district has had but one school during the year, the winter term being taught by Herbert E. Ward. This is not an advanced school, and Mr. Ward attempted to do a little too much with them. More care on the part of the scholars, in regard to the meaning of questions put and answers to be given, would have made the standard of recitation higher. Mr. Ward is a fine student, and, with experience, will rank high as a teacher. The school-house is finely located, and with the new coat of paint, and other repairs recently made, it presents a very inviting appearance.

WM. C. TRUE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The fall term of nine weeks was again under the instruction of Miss Richardson, who fully sustained the reputation of the preceding term. This school is composed wholly of small scholars, and the advancement in all classes was satisfactory. This school will compare favorably with any in town in the improvement made by all classes, particularly reading.

G. W. FIFIELD, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

This district was fortunate in again securing the services of Miss B. L. Day of Enfield. Miss Day taught her first term in this district, and each succeeding term verifies the theory of retaining good teachers through the year. The management and instruction was systematic and thorough, a good degree of interest was manifested on the part of the scholars, and the final examination was satisfactory in every particular.

D. C. PAGE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

A fall term of nine weeks was taught by Mr. Thomas Hadley. This was his first experience as a teacher, and he com

menced with a determination to succeed, and his expectations were realized. Much improvement was noticed in penmanship, and a general thoroughness in the other branches. A general interest on the part of parents contributed much to the success of this school.

CHAS. CROSS, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

This school has had the advantage of but one term of school during the year, that being the winter term taught by Mr. E. Porter Barrows, who has a practical knowledge of the wants of the district school, and the faculty of communicating the same to others, especially mathematics. This was his first school, and we predict for him a high reputation should he make teaching his vocation.

A. B. CHELLIS.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

The fall term was taught by Miss Howe, who has had charge of the school for several terms, and has given perfect satisfaction. It is a small school, composed entirely of young scholars. Some of the best readers in town, considering age, are found in this school.

JAMES F. EATON, Prudential Committee.

We have thus briefly given the result of our examination in the several districts, space forbidding an extended notice of each school. A few suggestions in regard to the general condition of our schools may not be out of place. There have been employed during the year 31 teachers, 20 of this number having had previous experience.

In most instances the schools have proved successful, and, without exception, the improvement has been most apparent in those schools where the same teacher has been retained through the year.

Great responsibility rests with our Prudential Committees, and the several districts should elect to this office men who are interested personally in the school, or whose general interest in the cause of education is such that they will put forth their best endeavors to secure competent and zealous teachers, and when once engaged, retain their services through the year, even though the terms are a week or two shorter.

No Prudential Committee should pay a teacher his wages as such, until he (teacher) shall produce a certificate from the Superintendent that the register has been received, properly filled—(Chap. 89, Sec. 16, General Laws). A report to the Superintendent of public instruction cannot be reliable unless the register of every teacher is complete,—unless the Superintending Committee goes over the whole work, and, in some instances, interviews the Prudential Committee.

In closing, I would express my thanks to teachers, scholars and parents for kindness and respect shown me in my several visits, and some pleasant hours have been spent in the school-room during the fall and winter terms.

Try it, parents, for half a day occasionally, and see if you are not well paid.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. CHELLIS,

S. S. Committee.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District	Division 1880	Unpaid 1880	Overdrawn 1880	Total	Paid 1881	Overdrawn 1881	Now Due
1	\$76 15	\$5 10	\$	\$81 25	\$68 23	\$	\$13 02
2	81 86		6 85	75 01	80 07	5 06	
3	82 63	20 28		102 91	102 91		
4				158 23	156 00		2 23
5	82 03	47		82 50	82 50		
6	40 64		4 09	36 55	44 00	8 55	
7	76 48	73		77 21	76 00		1 21
8	123 01	11 43		134 44	72 50		61 94
9	259 17		6 78	252 39	142 00		110 39
10	80 17	40 20		120 37	92 00		28 37
11	77 79			77 79	77 79		
12	60 35	1 28		61 63	60 93		70
13	31 15			31 15	31 15		
14	46 08	40 65		86 73	63 00		23 73
15	59 66	8 77		68 43	70 00	1 54	
16	46 65	5 64		52 29	57 00	4 71	
*3	1 73			1 73			1 73
†4	5 22			5 22			5 22

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